AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-30 (Cancelled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended) A paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder ~~comprising gold or silver powder~~ having paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 20K or higher, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization in an external magnetic field, H, of 4,000 Oe or greater and has a coercive force of 5 Gauss or less.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 31, wherein the size of particles of said ~~gold or~~ silver powder is 40 μm or less.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 31, wherein said ~~gold or~~ silver powder has paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 100K or higher.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 33, wherein said ~~gold or~~ silver powder has paramagnetism at room temperature.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein said silver powder has paramagnetism in an external magnetic field, H, of 2,000 Oe or greater.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 35, wherein said silver powder has paramagnetism in an external magnetic field, H, of 4,000 Oe or greater.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein said silver powder has a saturated magnetic moment in an external magnetic field, H, in the range of 2,000 to 8,000 Oe.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein said ~~gold or~~ silver powder has super-paramagnetism at an absolute temperature of 100K or lower.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 38, wherein the size of particles of said silver powder is 3 μm or less.

Claim 40 (Cancelled).

Claim 41 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization in which the slope of the mass magnetization curve, *dM/dH*, is positive at an absolute temperature of 100K or lower.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended) The paramagnetic ~~nano~~ silver powder of claim 41, wherein said silver powder has a positive mass magnetization as the inclination of the mass magnetization curve, *dM/dH*, is 3×10^{-7} emu/gOe or greater at an absolute temperature of 20K.

Claims 43-59 (Cancelled).